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S E C R E T RABAT 1036

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DEPARTMENT/NEA FOR ASST SECY ATHERTON

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ATHERTON VISIT TO MOROCCO AND ALGERIA

REF: RABAT 1031

1. ACTING FONMIN BENHIMA TELEPHONED ME MORNING FEB 24 TO
CONVEY WORD THAT KING WELCOMES ATHERTON VISIT AFTER RPT AFTER
ATHERTON HAS BEEN IN ALGIERS. BENHIMA DID NOT OFFER ANY
FURTHER EXPLANATION.

2. REQUEST REVISED ITINERARY FOR ATHERTON VISIT. WE HOPE

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SCHEUDLE WILL PERMIT MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY ON TIMING FOR AUDIENCE

WITH KING. IN THIS CONNECTION, MARCH 3 IS THRONE DAY, YEAR'S MAIN MOROCCAN HOLIDAY DURING WHICH KING RECEIVES PRINCIPAL MOROCCAN PERSONALITIES AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. WE DO NOT KNOW AS YET IN WHICH CITY KING WILL BE CELEBRATING THIS HOLIDAY, ALTHOUGH EARLY INDICATIONS POINT TO CASABLANCA.

3. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SIGNAL TO DEPT. THAT ANOTHER ISSUE, WHICH COULD AFFECT MOROCCAN RECEPTIVITY ADVERSELY, IS WASHINGTON DECISION TO CANCEL NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE VISIT, ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD. WE ARE CONVEYING BY SEPTEL OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THIS SHIP VISIT GO FORWARD AS SCHEDULED.

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